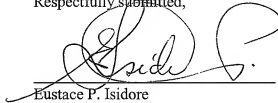


REMARKS

Applicants submit the present Rule 312 Amendment to cancel Claims 9, 11-15, 17 and 19-22. No new matter has been added.

No fee is believed to be required. If, however, a fee is required, please charge the fee to IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. **09-0447**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Isidore", is written over a horizontal line.

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